

Spring Mill State Park

All programs are free unless otherwise noted.

Programs at all our state parks and reservoirs: www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/12066.htm

Nature Center

Open Daily 10am-5pm

Virgil I. Grissom Memorial

Open Daily 8:30am-4pm

Pioneer Village

Sat 11a-7p, Sun 11a-5p

Twin Caves Boat Tours

Closed for the Season

Mountain Bike Rental

Closed for the Season

Campground Hayrides

Closed for the Season

Hoosier Quest Series

Ask a park interpreter how you can earn patches, bandannas, and other items during your visit!

Please arrive on time for scheduled programs.

Spring Mill State Park follows Eastern Daylight Time.

Public programs are designed for individuals and families.

If you will be bringing an organized group, contact the Nature Center in advance for a copy of our program catalogue and schedule a private program just for your group. (812) 849-4129

Get advance notice of special events and programs!

Sign up for our email list at the Nature Center, Pioneer Village Grist Mill, Spring Mill Inn, or email springmillstatepark-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

HP-HP *Healthy Parks – Healthy People*

Get “INShape” with us, and discover what it takes to keep a state park healthy.



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November 2008

Saturday, November 1 & Sunday, November 2

"Becoming a Pioneer Woman"

Weekend Retreat in the Pioneer Village

Limited to 20 women; Pre-registration required.

See brochure for details.

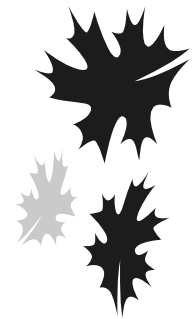


Saturday, November 8

9am-4pm Craft Show at Spring Mill Inn – Browse selections of handmade, locally-produced gifts at 40 different booths! Explore the unique and beautiful arts and crafts and find the perfect gift for someone special. Don't forget to also stop at the Inn's own gift shop – filled to the brim with collectibles, clothing, decorations, and other items. Spring Mill Inn, Lakeview Room (upper level) and Game Room (lower level).

1:00pm Hoosier Quest: Discover, Connect, Explore! – Come and discover about an exciting new program for individuals and families visiting Indiana state parks and reservoirs – Hoosier Quest. Learn how you can earn patches, bandannas, and medallions... and collect 33 unique pins – one for each park and reservoir! *Already started the Quest? This is your opportunity to complete one or more of the requirements!* Nature Center Program Room.

11a-5p Autumn Craft Day – With the assistance from the heritage interpreters in the Pioneer Village, you can create a unique set of crafts for the Fall: fall table decoration, “fish on a stick” pioneer toy, copper acorn, miniature leather basket, clay pumpkin, and a fabric pumpkin potholder.



Cost is \$10/person (includes all six crafts); limited to 35 participants. Stop by the Gristmill to see the example crafts and purchase your craft bag to get started (*no bags sold after 4pm!*). Pioneer Village.

Sunday, November 9

1:00pm Hoosier Quest: Discover, Connect, Explore! – Come and discover about an exciting new program for individuals and families visiting Indiana state parks and reservoirs – Hoosier Quest. Learn how you can earn patches, bandannas, and medallions... and collect 33 unique pins – one for each park and reservoir! *Already started the Quest? This is your opportunity to complete one or more of the requirements!* Nature Center Program Room.

3:00pm Corn is King – Learn why corn was so important to Spring Mill Village and make your own beaded cornhusk pin to take home. Pioneer Village, Upper Residence (45 min).



Thur, November 13 thru Sat, November 15

Midwest Open-Air Museums Coordinating Council Fall Conference at Spring Mill State Park

**A variety of concurrent sessions, activities, and
workshops focused on researching and presenting
living history topics and skills.**

**Registration is open to the public; request an
information/registration packet from the Spring Mill
Nature Center at 812-849-4129.**

Sunday, November 16

2:30pm Over and Under the Mill – Get an up-close look at the gears, hidden in the basement and overhead, that work with the water wheel to drive the grindstone in the Gristmill. Pioneer Village, Gristmill 1st floor (30 min).

Mon, November 17 & Tues, November 18

The ENTIRE PARK is CLOSED as we conduct controlled hunts to manage the white-tailed deer population.



Why are deer hunts necessary in a state park?

Wolves used to play a significant role in controlling the deer population, but, due to human intervention, there are no longer any wild wolves living in Indiana. Left unchecked, deer populations expand to unhealthy levels – resulting in starvation, disease, and habitat degradation due to excessive plant browsing (which, in turn, places pressure on other wildlife populations that rely on those plants).

Saturday, November 22

11a-5p Pioneer Craft Sampler –Choose from a selection of pioneer crafts priced from \$1 to \$5 per project and craft your selections with assistance from a Pioneer Village heritage interpreter. Stop by the Gristmill to buy craft tickets and see example crafts (*no bags sold after 4pm!*).

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Sunday, November 23

12p-4p Pioneer Craft Sampler –Choose from a selection of pioneer crafts priced from \$1 to \$5 per project and craft your selections with assistance from a Pioneer Village heritage interpreter. Stop by the Gristmill to buy craft tickets and see example crafts (*no bags sold after 3pm!*).

1:00pm Hoosier Quest: Discover, Connect, Explore! – Come and discover about an exciting new program for individuals and families visiting Indiana state parks and reservoirs – Hoosier Quest. Learn how you can earn patches, bandannas, and medallions... and collect 33 unique pins – one for each park and reservoir! *Already started the Quest? This is your opportunity to complete one or more of the requirements!* Nature Center Program Room.

Thursday, November 27

Nature Center & Grissom Memorial are CLOSED today.

Friday, November 28

11a-5p Holiday Craft Day – With the assistance from the heritage interpreters in the Pioneer Village, you can create a unique set of holiday crafts: button wreath ornament, leather stocking ornament, wooden key holder, felted mitten ornament, tassel ornament, and a lace snowflake.

Cost is \$10/person (includes all six crafts); limited to 25 participants. Stop by the Gristmill to see the example crafts and purchase your craft bag to get started (*no bags sold after 4pm!*). Pioneer Village.

Saturday, November 29

11am-5p Holiday Craft Day – With the assistance from heritage interpreters in the Pioneer Village, you can create a unique set of holiday crafts! You'll make a door decoration with fresh greens, "Jacob's ladder" pioneer toy, sleigh bells, fabric wreath, felt stocking (with a little bit of coal!), and a clay ornament.

Cost is \$10/person (includes all six crafts); limited to 35 participants. Stop by the Gristmill to see the example crafts and purchase your craft bag to get started (*no bags sold after 4pm!*). Pioneer Village.

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Sunday, November 30

2:00pm Quarry and Kilns – History is hidden all over this park! We'll hike to remains of two lime kilns and a quarry that date back to the 1890s. Meet in front of the Nature Center (45 min).



Mark your calendar for December...

December 1 & 2

Entire park closed for controlled deer hunts.

December 5 & 6

Holiday Celebration

December 13

A Children's Pioneer Christmas

December 25

Nature Center and Grissom Memorial closed.

December 27

Winter Bonfire & Winter Wander Hike

December 29

Winter Wonders Craft Workshop

Don't forget... we offer programs every weekend, and even occasional weekdays, all through the winter season!